To recalled Country Roads,

A Roads Board to be set up URGENTLY

Funding to be found & used only for Country Roads & Bridges

Funding for Melbourne, Ballarat, Geelong & Bendigo, to be separate.

Fuel taxes to be used to help funding.

Many years ago roads & bridges were handed to local shires to fund and maintain, funding dried up for road maintenance, expertise was lost.

Country Roads Convey all our raw materials, produce, fuels & people around the road network.

Materials to Ports, Rail Heads, Airports, City Factories, etc.

Many roads the sealed roads are old 5-6” & 3-7” wide seals with broken edges, very poor shoulders, pot-holes, over hanging trees, lumps, etc.

Many still have narrow bridges, very poor alignment leading up to them.

Areas up to Daily, cross roads & major highways still have bad bends, that urgently need to be eliminated.

Driver training & fatigue, driving long distances, driving to road conditions to be continued.

More educating, people to be able to understand driving with heavy transport & in various conditions, i.e., fog, rain, dust, wind & towing trailers, caravans.

School Buses convey children to schools etc, daily over mountain roads, gravel sealed over crest, many poor line marking, or none at all, bus stops to have wider areas for buses & parents dropping off children, better signing.

Gravel roads, require up grading to a safer standard and many more must be sealed + linemarked.

Drainage a major part of roads, must be maintained also, not have trees, bushes & rubbish blocking them, & in heavy rain falls causing costly damage & unwanted delays.
COUNTRY ROADS
MANAGEMENT INQUIRY

POLICE, POLITICIANS, AND MEDIA, ARE ALWAYS TELLING US COUNTRY PEOPLE DIE ON COUNTRY ROADS
WHY BECAUSE COUNTRY PEOPLE LIVE IN THE COUNTRY AND DRIVE ON COUNTRY ROADS
MAYBE IT TELLS US SOMETHING ABOUT THE STATE OF OUR COUNTRY ROADS

YES MANY ACCIDENTS, MAY BE FATIGUE, OWING TO IN SOME CASES
LONG DISTANCES TRAVELLED, AND USUALLY CLOSE TO HOME,
MAY NOT DRIVING TO ROAD CONDITIONS, AND MAYBE NOT IN A
GOOD STATE OF MIND AT THE TIME.

FATIGUE & INATTENTION, ALSO HAPPENS ON MAJOR HIGHWAYS, FREEWAYS,
ANIMALS, IE. KANGAROOS, CATTLE, NOMBATS, DEER & OTHER, MAYBE A
CAUSE OF MANY ACCIDENTS, WOULD MORE & BETTER SIGNING HELP?

ROADS A COSTLY ASSET TO BUILD & MAINTAIN AND MUST BE ONGOING
AT ALL TIMES
IN MY 54 YEARS OF WORKING FOR MANY VICTORIAN GOVERNMENTS, 
COMMENCING IN 1959 AND RETIREING IN 2013,
I BELIEVE I GAINED A FAIR AMOUNT OF EXPERIENCE OF ROAD WORKS 
STARTING AS A 17 YEAR LABOURER, FOR THE COUNTRY ROADS BOARD, 
PROGRESSING ON TO PLANT OPERATOR, OF ROAD GRADERS, DOZERS BITUMEN SPRAYERS 
TRUCKS, ROLLERS, AND MANY OTHER ITEMS OF PLANT INCLUDING THE CRB ASHALT 
PLANT, SPRAY SEALING, LINE MARKING, SNOW CLEARING, ROAD CONSTRUCTION ON 
MAIN ROADS, HIGHWAYS, INCLUDING HOME AND HOME FREEWAY. 
WORKING IN MANY PARTS OF VICTORIA AND INTO NSW, CANBERRA, RTB SEALING CONTRACTS 
WAGGA CITY, HAY AND MANY OTHERS. 

FOR 14 YEARS AS A SUPERVISOR, WORKS MANAGER, IN 40+ MANY PROJECTS 
I BELIEVE I HAD THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SPRAY SEALING UNIT IN VICTORIA. 
4 DOING CONTRACT WORK IN MANY NSW SHIRES, INCLUDING CANBERRA RTB AND ADELAIDE. 
I WAS INVOLVED IN MANY FLOODS, AND SAW FIRSTHAND THE DAMAGE CAUSED 
BY BLOCKED DRAINS, CONVEYS ETC. 

IN MY TIME I BOUGHT UP A GROUP OF VERY COMPETENT OPERATORS 
SOME WITH ME THROUGH 15-16 YEARS. 
I WAS VERY PROUD TO NAME SPRAYLINE. 

KEVIN COOPER